March 16, 1992

Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 11, 1992. Thank you for sending the letter to Lardner. I will hope for the best.

There were two reasons why I did not file a FOIA request directly with the DOJ. First, I do not know where to send the request. Second, the DOJ drafted the opinion specifically for the FBI because they were asked to review an older opinion. Therefore, I knew the FBI possessed a copy. However, I recognize your point and hopefully it shall not be a problem.

I honestly do not recall where I read that Hickey might sue. It was probably in one of the articles I sent to you. If I come across my source I will let you know. As of the date of this letter, there has been nothing new on the book reported in the major media. Unfortunately, all of the major book stores are carrying the book and displaying it very prominently. I have not purchased the book nor do I have any intention to do so for sometime. There are better ways I can spend my money.

Yesterday I spoke briefly with Joseph Tonahill. It appears that back in the late 1960s he wrote a book or article on the same subject as my intended book. I am attempting to locate a copy. Because it was written so long ago, and possibly in magazine form, I think I am still safe to go ahead with my plans. I look forward to hearing your comments.

You are accurate in your assumption. I have absolutely no experience with hardback publishing. I am beginning to initiate inquiries of publishers.

I will call you as the time for my trip draws nearer. It will be during the first week of April. I leave for Washington on March 29 and will remain until April 6. I look forward to seeing you then.

All my best to you and your wife.

Sincerely,

Mark

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